



# BREA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **ANAHEIM RESIDENT ARRESTED FOLLOWING CITIZEN-ORGANIZED CHILD PREDATOR STING OPERATION**

Brea, Calif. – At roughly 6:24 P.M., on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, the Brea Police Department was contacted by a citizen who claimed to be part of an organized citizen group that monitors the internet for child predators. The citizen reported that their group had conducted a sting operation in which they had posed as an underage teen boy, and that an adult male had traveled to Brea with the intention of meeting with the underage boy.

Brea Police Officers responded to the arranged meeting place and met with both the adult male suspect and the citizen group. Upon initial investigation, Brea Police Officers arrested Benito Ramirez Vasquez, a 37-year-old resident of Anaheim, for PC 288.4(a)(1), PC 288.4(b), and PC 288.3(a). Vasquez was later booked at Orange County Jail.

Brea Police Detectives are further investigating this incident. If you have information about this case, please contact Detective Shannon Buckels at 714-990-7637 or [shannonb@cityofbrea.net](mailto:shannonb@cityofbrea.net).

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